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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY

(Department of Foreign Trade)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th August 1969

S.O. 3209.—Whereas the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary and expedient so to do for the development of the export trade of India that in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963), cast iron manhole covers and frames should be subject to quality control and inspection prior to export:

And whereas the Central Government has formulated the proposals specified below for the said purpose and has forwarded the same to the Export Inspection Council as required by sub-rule (2), of rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said sub-rule and in supersession of the notifications of the Government of India in the late Ministry of Commerce Nos. S.O. 1687 and 1689, dated the 3rd June, 1966, the Central Government hereby publishes the said proposals for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby.

2. Notice is hereby given that any person desiring to forward any objections or suggestions with respect to the said proposals may forward the same, within thirty days of the date of publication of this notification in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, to the Export Inspection Council, 'World Trade Centre', 14/1B; Ezra Street; 7th Floor; Calcutta-1.

Proposals

- (1) To notify that cast iron manhole covers and frames shall be subject to quality control and inspection prior to export;
- (2) To specify the type of inspection in accordance with the draft Export of Cast Iron manhole covers and frames (Inspection) Rules, 1969; set out in Annexure I to this notification; as the type of inspection which will be applied to such manhole covers and frames prior to export;
- (3) To recognise the specifications as declared by the exporter to be the agreed specifications of the Export contract for cast iron manhole covers and frames subject to a minimum of the specifications set out in Annexure II to this notification, as the standard specification for cast iron manhole covers and frames;
- (4) To prohibit the export, in the course of international trade, of the cast iron manhole covers and frames unless the same are accompanied by a certificate issued by one of the agencies recognised for the purpose under section 7 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963; (22 of 1963) to the effect that such cast iron manhole covers and frames are exportworthy.

3. In this notification, "cast iron manhole covers and frames" shall mean all types of cast iron manhole covers and frames intended for use in connection with sanitary works.

4. Nothing in this notification shall apply to the export of samples of cast iron manhole covers and frames to prospective buyers; the f.o.b. value of which does not exceed rupees one hundred twenty five.

5. This notification shall come into force on the

Annexure-I

[See sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2]

Draft rules proposed to be made under section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963.

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Export of Cast Iron Manhole Covers and Frames (Inspection) Rules, 1969
 (2) They shall come into force on the
2. **Definitions.**—In these rules unless the context otherwise requires—
 - (a) 'Act' means the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963);
 - (b) 'Agency' means any one of the Inspection Agencies recognised under section 7 of the Act;
 - (c) 'cast iron manhole covers and frames' means all types of cast iron manhole covers and frames intended for use in connection with sanitary works;
 - (d) 'Council' means the Export Inspection Council established under section 3 of the Act.
3. **Basis of Inspection.**—(1) Inspection of cast iron manhole covers and frames intended for export shall be carried out with a view to seeing that the same conform to the standard specifications recognised by the Central Government under section 8 of the Act.
4. **Procedure of Inspection.**—(1) An exporter intending to export cast iron manhole covers and frames shall give intimation in writing of his intention so to do and submit along with such intimation a declaration of the specifications, stipulated in the export contract relating to such export to any of the Agencies to enable it to carry out the inspection in accordance with rule 3
 (2) Every intimation and declaration under sub-rule 1 shall be given not less than two weeks before the scheduled date of shipment and a copy of the intimation shall simultaneously be endorsed to the nearest office of the Council either at 14/1-B, Ezra Street (7th Floor), Calcutta-1 or at Mani Mahal, 2nd Floor; 11/21; Mathew Road, Bombay-4.

(3) On receipt of the intimation and declaration under sub-rule (2), the Agency shall carry out the inspection of the cast iron manhole covers and frames in accordance with rule 3 and the instructions, if any, issued by the Council in this regard.

(4) After completion of the inspection, the Agency shall immediately seal stencil the packages of the consignment in a manner as to ensure that the sealed goods cannot be tampered with.

(5) If, after inspection, the Agency is satisfied that the cast iron manhole covers and frames to be exported comply with the requirements of rule 3, it shall, within 48 hours after completion of the inspection, issue a certificate to the exporter declaring that the consignment satisfies the conditions relating to quality control and inspection and is export-worthy.

5. Place of inspection.—Inspection of cast iron manhole covers and frames for the purposes of these rules, shall be carried out—

- (a) at the premises of the manufacturer, or
- (b) at the premises at which the goods are offered by the exporter, provided adequate facilities for the purpose exist therein.

6. Inspection fees.—A fee at the rate of one per cent of the f.o.b. value of the consignment shall be paid by the exporter to the agency as inspection fee under these rules.

7. Appeal.—(1) Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Agency to issue a certificate under sub-rule (5) of rule 4 may, within ten days of the receipt of the communication of such refusal by him, prefer an appeal to a panel of experts consisting of not less than three persons appointed for the purpose by the Central Government.

(2) The quorum of the panel shall be three.

(3) The decision of the said panel on such appeal shall be final.

ANNEXURE II

[See sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 2]

Specification for Cast Iron Manhole Covers and Frames

Manhole covers and frames shall be of the following grades and types.

- (a) heavy duty, denoted by the letters 'HD' solid type, for use under heavy vehicular traffic conditions;
- (b) medium duty, denoted by the letters 'MD' solid type, for use under light traffic conditions;
- (c) light duty, denoted by the letters 'LD' for use in domestic purposes or other places where these are not subjected to wheeled traffic loads.

2. The manhole covers and frames shall be made from suitable grade of grey cast iron so as to withstand the load test given in clause 6.—

3. Manhole covers and frames shall be cleanly cast and free of visible air and sand holes, cold shuts, warping and other visible harmful defects which are likely to impair the quality. The covers shall have a raised chequered design on the top surface to provide an adequate non-slip grip, if not otherwise specified in the export contract.

3.1. The edges of the frames and covers shall be reasonably straight and uniform and the gap between the cover and the frame at the top shall not be more than 4 mm. at any place. The covers and frames shall be interchangeable, shall properly fit and there shall be no appreciable rocking.

4. Dimensions and weights of manhole covers and frames shall be as stipulated in the export contract. In case these are not stipulated in the contract, the exporter shall declare the same in the intimation for inspection. The tolerances on dimensions and weight of covers and frames shall be as given below:

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| (i) Dimensions | (a) Clear opening | +5 mm. |
| | (b) Other dimensions | ±1% |
| (ii) Weight | | ±5% |

5. Before coating, the manhole covers and frames shall be properly ground to remove all superfluous matter and shall be free of loose dust, dirt or sand that may be sticking to it. Manhole covers and frames shall be coated with a suitable material having tar base or with a black bituminous composition, if not otherwise specified in the export contract. The coating shall be smooth and tenacious and good in appearance.

5.1. It shall not flow when exposed to a temperature of 63°C.

6. The manhole covers shall withstand without fracture, the loads specified in column (2) of the Table below for a minimum period of 30 seconds, when subjected to the loading test. The loads are to be centrally applied without shock through the medium of bearing blocks with a hard rubber facing or other suitable resilient material. The block shall be sufficiently rigid to ensure that the load on the cover is equally distributed over the full area of the block. The cover shall be supported in a frame which may be standard cover frame or specially made of testing appliance simulating normal condition of use. The diameter of bearing blocks to be used for different grades are also indicated in column 4 of the Table.

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| Grade (1) | Weight range (2) | Load in tonnes (3) | Diameter of block in mm. (4) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 'HD' . 111 kg. and above . . . | | 35 | 300 |
| 'MD' . 50 to 110 kg. . . . | | 5 | 100 |
| 'LD' . Upto 50 kg. . . . | | 1 | 300 |

NOTE: The load test shall not be applicable for manhole covers of sizes less than 400 mm. clear opening.

7. Each manhole cover and frame shall have cast on them the following markings, namely:—

- (a) Mark 'E' meant for export;
- (b) Grade, denoted by the abbreviations HD/MD/LD;
- (c) The size of letters mentioned in items (a) and (b) shall not be less than 19 mm.

8. The manhole covers and frames shall be suitably packed with strong hoop iron strips crosswise. Wooden crates employed for packing shall be strong to ensure safe arrival of the goods. The crates with its contents shall be capable of withstanding a drop from a height of 190 cm. without any damage to the crate or its contents.

9. Sampling and inspection of each consignment shall be done in accordance with the scale prescribed in the Tables below. The consignment shall be considered to be in conformity with the requirements of the standard if the conditions prescribed in the Tables are satisfied.

TABLE I

(See clause 9)

| Sl. No. | Reference to clause Nos. | Characteristics | Lot size | No. of samples to be te- sted in a lot | Permissible defectives in the sample |
|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1 3 . | Manufacture and workmanship | All the manhole covers and frames of the same size and type. | All | All | Those found defective shall be rejected |
| 2 7 . | Marking . . . | Do. | All | Do. | Do. |
| 3 5 . | Coating, finishing and general appearance. | Do. | All | Do. | Do. |
| 4 5.1 . | Flow test for coating | Do. | 2 | Nil | |
| 5 8 . | Drop test . . . | Do. | 2 | Nil | |
| 6 4 . | Dimensions and weight | Do. | As per sampling schedule given in Table II | | |
| 7 6 . | Load test . . . | Do. | As per sampling schedule given in Table II | | |

TABLE II

(See clause 9)

(Sampling schedule for dimensions, weight and load test)

| No. of cast iron manhole covers and frames in a lot | sample size | Permissible No. of defectives in the sample |
|---|-------------|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Up to 100 | 5 | 0 |
| 101 to 300 | 13 | 0 |
| 301 to 1000 | 32 | 0 |
| 1001 to 10,000 | 80 | 1 |
| 10,001 and above | 125 | 2 |

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